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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Child's Day ought to be established.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHAW (for himself and Mr. WYNN) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that
a National Child's Day ought to be established.

Whereas every child is unique and holds a distinct place in
the family;

Whereas the people of the United States should celebrate
children as the Nation's most valuable asset;

Whereas children represent the future, hope, and inspiration
of the United States;

Whereas children should be allowed to feel that their ideas
and dreams will be respected because adults take time to
listen;

Whereas it is important for parents to spend time listening
to their children on a daily basis;

Whereas many children in the United States face crises of grave proportions, especially as they enter adolescent years;

Whereas modern societal and economic demands often pull the family apart;

Whereas, whenever practicable, it is important for both parents to be involved in their child's life;

Whereas encouragement should be given to families to set aside special time to engage together in family activities;

Whereas adults in the United States should have an opportunity to reminisce about their youth to recapture some of the fresh insight, innocence, and dreams that they may have lost through the years;

Whereas the designation of a day to commemorate the children of the United States will provide an opportunity to emphasize to children the importance of their making the choices necessary to distance themselves from impropriety and to contribute to their communities;

Whereas the people of the United States should emphasize to children the importance of family life, education, and spiritual qualities;

Whereas because children are the responsibility of all people of the United States, everyone should celebrate children, whose questions, laughter, and dreams are important to the existence of the United States;

Whereas the designation of a day to commemorate children will emphasize to the people of the United States the importance of the role of the child within the family and society; and

Whereas the first Sunday of June falls between Mother's Day
and Father's Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) a National Child's Day ought to be estab-
4 lished; and

5 (2) the President should issue a proclamation
6 calling on the people of the United States to observe
7 the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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